Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Niagra St., Waveland, MS 39576

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Niagra St. (in a FEMA Trailer)

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted] ~~by the~~ connected in December

Our family consists of:

Larry [redacted] - 54 yrs. old (DIABETIC with a BAD KNEE)

Charlotte [redacted] - 51 yrs. old

Our Katrina experience was:

We evacuated to Florida, taking our car and a carfull of clothes, important papers, & a few pictures. We got through to our house on Thursday after Katrina. We found our house standing with doors blown in and windows blown out and several inches of mud everywhere. Our 1st reaction was to turnaround and not come back. We (OVER)

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

A Washer and Dryer

A George Forman Grill

A Cordless Telephone with Answer Machine

or anything for the house

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to: - received Nov. 30th

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

THANK YOU for Asking

came back to try to salvage a few things. But, the 20 foot plus water that went over our house doesn't have much to salvage. But, we have lived here since 1980; and in Wareland before we married - 1967 thru 1972. (Charlotte) I graduated from Bay High. We raised our kids here and both of our parents live here. We got a home improvement loan in 2002 and added our dream front porch and a carport. We asked the bank about flood insurance at that time, but told it wasn't needed. Last year Larry won $15,000 in Home Depot cards at a local casino and we put in new flooring, fans, cabinets, etc. and bought matching appliances for the 1st time in our 35 years of marriage.

Larry is not well; he is diabetic, has bad knees, & hands, also has arthritis, and other ailments, which limit his working. I (Charlotte) have to constantly take care of him. We are trying to figure out what to do since we are getting only $9,000 from our insurance. If we don't get help to rebuild we may have to live the rest of our lives in our FEMA trailer.

It has been a blessing to have people in our town to fix meals for us. It is a challenge to cook in the trailer. Also, to get the supplies, and clothes we need, and the medical help we need. Now that everyone is leaving it will be very, very hard to try to rebuild our lives, even if I only got one thing a day that we needed it was an encourging step forward. I find both of us are getting more depressed - talking with the volunteers every day also helped with depression.

I pray the city of Wareland will help the people here. - If they want everyone to stay and rebuild. Another thing that would help us here is to get our street lights put back up.

Sincerely
Larry & Charlotte
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